

Please AMEND claims 1 and 7-10 as follows:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A pointing device comprising:

a base part;

an operating part supported on said base part in a rockable manner about a fulcrum;

a magnet carried on one of said base part and said operating part;

a magneto-electro transducer carried on the other of said base part and said operating part; and

an elastic member arranged between said base part and said operating part to elastically push said operating part toward an initial balanced position on said base part, said elastic member being formed as a plate spring provided with an opening to receive the fulcrum therethrough, a first section of said elastic member being engageable with said base part and a second section of said elastic member being engageable with said operating part, said second section being integrally joined to said first section and located to extend around said fulcrum,

wherein said first section extends annularly around said fulcrum and is fixedly supported on said base part, and said second section extends accurately along said first section to exert a spring action, and

wherein said second section includes one of --

a distal free end engageable with said operating part and a proximal end integrally joined to said first section at a position remote from said distal free end, and has a length between said distal end and said proximal end for exerting a spring action, and

a distal free end engageable with said operating part and a proximal end integrally joined to said first section at a position close to said distal free end, and has a generally U-shaped length between said distal end and said proximal end for exerting a spring action.

7. (ONCE AMENDED) A pointing device comprising:

a base part;

an operating part supported on said base part in a rockable manner about a fulcrum;

a magnet having a first width and being carried on one of said base part and said operating part;

a magneto-electro transducer carried on the other of said base part and said operating part;

an elastic member arranged between said base part and said operating part to elastically push said operating part toward an initial balanced position on said base part; and

a yoke, separate from the magnet, having a width greater than the magnet, and, forming a magnetic path, said yoke being arranged in said operating part to at least partially cover said magnet,

wherein said yoke minimizes magnetic leakage through the operating part to an exterior thereof, and directs a magnetic field toward the magneto-electro transducer.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A pointing device comprising:

a base part;

an operating part supported on said base part in a rockable manner about a fulcrum;

a magnet carried on one of said base part and said operating part;

a magneto-electro transducer carried on the other of said base part and said operating part;

an elastic member arranged between said base part and said operating part to elastically push said operating part toward an initial balanced position on said base part; and

a connector part arranged adjacent to said base part and said operating part, said connector part being detachably connectable to a data processor and serving to electrically and mechanically support, in a rotatable manner, said base part and said operating part relative to the data processor, when said connector part is connected to the data processor.

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